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SUBJ: ICAO: SPECIAL AIR TRANSPORT CONFERENCE - APRIL 20-22

1. COMMITTEE A COMPLETED DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEM 4 - MACHINERY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT FARES AND RATES AND COMMENCED DISCUSSION OF ITEM 1 - TARIFF ENFORCEMENT. IT WAS DECIDED THAT NETHERLANDS AND SWEDISH PROPOSAL CALLING FOR REGULAR AND FREQUENT BILATERAL CONSULTATION BETWEEN AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES BEFORE DISAPPROVING OR MODIFYING TARIFFS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO PANEL OF EXPERTS FOR STUDY. COMMITTEE APPROVED A RECOMMENDATION PROPOSED BY AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, ETHIOPIA, AND VENEZUELA CALLING FOR ICAO TO MAKE A STUDY AIMED AT HARMONIZING THE MEANS BY WHICH BOTH SCHEDULED AND NON-SCHEDULED AIRLINE TARIFFS ARE DETERMINED. COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED PROPOSAL BY SWEDEN RECOGNIZING PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN NUMEROUS BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS CONCERNING THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN DEVELOPMENT OF SCHEDULED FARES AND RATES. A PROPOSAL BY ETHIOPIA, SPONSORED BY ALL AFCAC STATES, AIMED AT ALLOWING REGIONAL CARRIERS TO PARTICIPATE IN REDUCED FARES ALONG LONG-HAUL ROUTES, SUCH AS LONDON-JOHANNESBURG, WAS APPROVED 55-4-15 (U.S.).

2. A SUDANESE PROPOSAL URGING THE COUNCIL TO CREATE ANOTHER BODY OF EXPERTS ON THE NEED FOR NEW INTERGOVERNMENTAL MA-
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CHINERY FOR FARES AND RATES WAS APPROVED 38-21(U.S.)-12.
(U.S. LATER MADE A STATEMENT IN PLENARY POINTING OUT OVERLAP WITH FARES AND RATES PANEL AND ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS.)

3. A PROPOSAL RECOMMENDING ATTENDANCE OF ICAO OBSERVERS AT IATA TRAFFIC CONFERENCES WAS REJECTED BY THE COMMITTEE AFTER

A TIE VOTE, BUT LATER APPROVED IN PLENARY. ALL OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE A ON AGENDA ITEM 4 APPROVED IN PLENARY EXCEPT 4/10, WHICH AMENDED SO AS TO DELETE CLAUSE UNACCEPTABLE TO U.S. STATING TARIFF PROPOSALS SHALL BE DEEMED APPROVED IF GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOT NOTIFIED THE AIRLINES OF THEIR DECISION BY THE PLANNED DATE OF EFFECTIVENESS. MEANWHILE COMMITTEE, AFTER EXAMINATION OF SEVERAL PAPERS ON TARIFF ENFORCEMENT, APPROVED A PROPOSAL PRESENTED BY MAURITIUS, RECOMMENDING ENFORCEMENT ACTION BY STATES AND AN ICAO STUDY TO EVOLVE STANDARD PRACTICES. (U.S. HAS ALSO PREPARED PAPER ON ITEM 1, COSPONSORED BY SPAIN, U.K., SWITZERLAND, VENEZUELA, PHILIPPINES, JAPAN AND CANADA.)

4. COMMITTEE B COMPLETED ITS DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEM 2 - POLICY CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL NON-SCHEDULED AIR TRANSPORT AND BEGAN CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 3 - REGULATION OF CAPACITY IN INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES. COMMITTEE CONTINUED EXAMINATION OF AFRICAN WORKING PAPER ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF 1952 COUNCIL DEFINITION OF SCHEDULED INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICE AND CONCLUDED THAT COUNCIL SHOULD AIM ITS STUDIES TOWARDS CONSIDERATION OF A REVISED DEFINITION OF A SCHEDULED INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICE. TURNING TO DISCUSSION OF WORKING PAPER PRESENTED BY EGYPT AND LEBANON, COMMITTEE ALSO DECIDED THAT COUNCIL SHOULD EXAMINE FEASIBILITY OF AMENDING ARTICLES 5, 6 AND 96(A) OF CHICAGO CONVENTION. U.S. AND SOME EUROPEAN STATES OPPOSED BOTH THESE PROPOSALS. COMMITTEE THEN APPROVED AMENDED DRAFT TEXT OF RECOMMENDATION PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT BASED ON BRAZILIAN/VENEZUELAN AND SWISS PAPERS CALLING FOR COUNCIL TO UNDERTAKE STUDIES AIMED AT DEFINITIONS OR

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GUIDELINES WHICH CHARACTERIZE NON-SCHEDULED SERVICE, AND TO CONSIDER FEASIBILITY OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF CONVENTION. FULL TEXT OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION APPROVED BY PLENARY FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL.
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